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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2007, Applicant has amended the application as above. No new matter is added by the amendments as discussed below. Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

Discussion of Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 14, 16 and 21 have been amended. Upon the entry of the amendments, Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. The amendments to Claims 1, 14, 16 and 21 are merely for clarification and do not narrow the scope of protection. Furthermore, the amendments to the claims do not introduce any new matter. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Claim Objection

The Examiner has objected to Claim 1 because of certain informalities. The Examiner states that in Claim 1, before the term “generating,” “said” should be inserted. In reply, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to insert “the” before “generating.”

Discussion of Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-13, 14-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. The Examiner states that in Claims 1, 14, 16 and 21, the term “at least one bit-stream” is not clear whether it refers to the first or second bit-stream. In reply, Applicant has amended the term to “at least one of the first and second bit-streams.” Applicant respectfully submits that “at least one of the first and second bit-streams” refers to one of the following: i) the first bit-stream, ii) the second bit-stream and iii) both of the first and second bit-streams. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that amended Claims 1, 14, 16 and 21 are clear and definite.

As the remaining rejections to dependent claims stemmed from issues with the independent claims, and these rejections have been overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections to the dependent claims have been overcome.

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Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Claims 22-27 have been allowed by the Examiner. Applicant wishes to address the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in this Office Action mailed May 2, 2007. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims should be allowed based on the entire language rather than focusing on any specific portion thereof.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

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CONCLUSION

In view of Applicant's foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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